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Serial No.: 10/749,345 : 060960-5009
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For: RESORBABLE SURGICAL FIXATION : Examiner: Cumberledge, Jerry L.
DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response to the Restriction Requirement responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 27, 2007, in the above-captioned application. This response is being timely filed within the one month shortened statutory period for reply.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-45 and 52-63, drawn to a device. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the same or different subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional or continuation application.

Applicant further elects Species A: Fig. 2 and identifies the following claims readable thereon: 1-8, 13-25, 30-33, 35-45 and 52-63. This election is made without traverse and without

prejudice to the inclusion of the same or different subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional or continuation application.

The Applicant asserts that all of the claims identified above as readable on Species A: Fig. 2 are generic in that each identified claim reads on the elected species and at least one other identified species. Upon the allowance of a generic claim Applicant will expect consideration of the non-elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced application are the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages total); and
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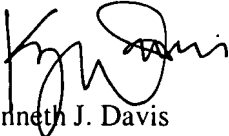
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Kindly acknowledge receipt of these documents by returning the enclosed self-addressed, stamped postcard to the undersigned.

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